

ARIZONA Acute-Care Public Comment Form

The State of Arizona Medicaid Program, the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), is scheduled to release the Acute-care Request for Proposals in early 2008 for managed care contracts beginning October 1, 2008. AHCCCS is providing a forum for community input regarding the Acute-care Program in preparation of the upcoming contract solicitation. Although all comments submitted will be considered, due to federal and state regulations, all input received may not be able to be utilized.

As of June, 2007, the Acute-care Program provides a comprehensive array of health care services to approximately 1 million enrolled members through Title XIX. The majority of the Acute-care population includes children and pregnant women who are determined eligible for Medicaid (Title XIX). The majority of eligible Acute-care members receive their care through contracted AHCCCS health plans.

The Acute-care Program also provides health care coverage for low-income families through the Title XXI State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), which is referred to as KidsCare. Children under the age of 19 may qualify for the program even if their family's income exceeds Medicaid income standards. As of June 2007, approximately 55,000 children were enrolled in KidsCare. Parents pay a monthly premium based on income to obtain coverage. Children enrolled in KidsCare presently receive the full array of services offered to children enrolled with Medicaid.

The Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) Administration's Acute-care goal is to continuously improve the Program's effectiveness and support the delivery of the highest quality care to our customers. To further that end, AHCCCS is providing a forum for community input regarding the Acute-care Program in preparation of the upcoming contract solicitation. If you choose, you can provide your input by writing your comments on the attached page and mail it to:

AHCCCS - RFP Coordinator
701 E. Jefferson St, MD 6500
Phoenix, AZ 85034

Or, you may e-mail your comments to: AcuteRFP09@azahcccs.gov

If you want further information regarding the Acute-care Program in Arizona you can go to the AHCCCS website at www.azahcccs.gov:

1. AHCCCS Overview – under Quick Links
2. AHCCCS Strategic Plan – under Planning & Budgets; Strategic Plan
3. AHCCCS Quality Strategy – under Reports
4. External Quality Review Reports - under Reports

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